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SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF THE OIL INDUSTRY INTEREST IN SEMINAR
ON PLANNING OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

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1. DURING MEETING AT MINISTRY OF OIL INDUSTRY MARCH 5 TO DISCUSS UPCOMING OIL AND GAS EQUIPMENT SEMINAR/EXHIBIT, COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WAS ASKED BY DEPUTY CHIEF OF FOREIGN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT (N.K. KREMS) WHETHER COMMERCIAL OFFICE COULD SERVE AS LIAISON BETWEEN MINISTRY AND AMERICAN PETROLEUM INSTITUTE (API) IN ORGANIZING SEMINAR ON "PLANNING OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND DESIGN WORK IN THE OIL INDUSTRY." KREMS NOTED THAT SOVIET INTEREST IN THIS TOPIC, WHICH HE SAID MIGHT INVOLVE SEMINARS IN U.S. AND U.S.S.R., HAD BEEN RAISED DURING RECENT MEETINGS WITH GULF OIL PRESIDENT LEE, WHO AGREED PROMOTE SUGGESTION WITHIN U.S. OIL INDUSTRY. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS INITIATIVE, KREMS SAID MINISTRY REGARDED API PARTICIPATION AS ESSENTIAL FOR SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. EMBASSY NOTES (STATE 48271) THAT API BOARD OF DIRECTORS WILL DISCUSS ANOTHER SUBJECT INVOLVING COOPERATION WITH U.S.S.R. AT MEETING DURING WEEK OF MARCH 10. DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH TO MENTION SOVIET INTEREST IN EXCHANGE OF PRESENTATIONS ON PLANNING OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH TO API AND SUGGEST THAT COMMERCIAL OFFICE WOULD BE PLEASED TO OFFER ITS FACILITIES FOR ANY API-ORGANIZED SEMINAR PRESENTATION IN MOSCOW.

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